

Evening Brief

Date/Time Stamp: **Wednesday, August 19, 2015 - 8:57 PM**

Weather Summary

NW winds will decrease today across the Great Basin, however wind gusts will still reach 20-25 mph with RH below 10% across NV and 14-18% in ID/WY/UT.

Temperatures will gradually warm through Thursday across ID/WY/northern UT with much hotter temperatures over NV. Highs will reach the mid 90s to near 100 degrees over the western half of NV and near 110 in far southern Nevada. Temperatures will peak Thursday over ID/UT with valley highs reaching the low 90s and mountain areas in the low 80s.

Another area of low pressure will approach the northern Great Basin later on Thursday and drop south across the northern half of the Great Basin on Friday. This will bring cooler weather, however RH will remain low with an increase in winds. **Winds will start increasing on Thursday with gusts 25-30 mph across the Great Basin and with the strongest winds Thursday over far eastern NV into western UT with gusts 30-35 mph. Winds increase and peak across the region Friday as a dry cold front sweeps across the area. The strongest gusts of 30-40 mph are expected over ID/WY/northeast NV/northern UT on Friday. RH will remain 8-10% across NV/western UT and 12-18% across the rest of the Great Basin, which will impact ongoing fires across ID.**

Isolated thunderstorms may develop over mainly the higher elevations of UT on Friday and could redevelop through the weekend.

Winds will decrease this weekend with a gradual increase in temperatures. Models are a little faster bringing the deeper moisture and more widespread thunderstorms to the Great Basin next week. Thunderstorms may be ongoing across UT this weekend and spread into far southern/eastern NV by Sunday/Monday with much deeper moisture and widespread lightning Monday/Tuesday...which may push into southern ID. However confidence is still low on timing and moisture return.

Preparedness Levels

Current:

Great Basin	4
National	5

Great Basin Fire Activity:

New Fires and Acres: 6 fires 53.1 acres

Minimal initial attack activity throughout the geographic area today. Significant gains were achieved on multiple large fires. Shortages of critical resources continue to hamper suppression efforts.



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Resources:

Shortages of critical resources continue to hamper the likelihood of success of suppression strategies in multiple large fires.

Great Basin Fire Potential Summary

Fire Danger will be moderating somewhat across the far north through Thursday with a lack of new lightning ignitions. However, the air mass remains dry, with low afternoon RH and continued breezy winds today, with **stronger winds and low RH Thursday/Friday increasing to potential on existing fires and any new starts, especially in ID.**

Further south across southern Nevada and Utah the fire danger will be gradually increasing as the air mass continues to dry out and fire danger indices increase. Thunderstorms may return to UT on Friday, with a more significant increase in lightning in eastern NV/UT/southern ID/WY by early next week, with moisture spreading north through next week.

Current Incident Details

Todays Activity (from WFDSS):

fires occurred overnight	Incident Name	Unique Fire Identifier	Size	Status	Latitude	Longitude	Pt. Of Origin Sage Grouse Habitat
	MM 34	2015-UTNWS-000612	0.3	Controlled 08/19/15	40.2785	112.3977	Yes - PPH
	Jarbridge Canyon	2015-IDTFD-000369	36	Not Contained	42.3146	115.2825	Yes - PGH
	Island	2015-UTNWS-000611	0.1	Controlled 08/19/15	41.0506	111.708	No
	Friendship	2015-AZGLP-000589	0.1	Not Contained	37.1097	111.2047	No
	Clay Hill	2015-AZGLP-000588	15	Not Contained	37.2632	110.4371	No
	DEEP CREEK	2015-UTASF-000180	1.6	Not Contained	40.8633	109.7349	No



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Large/Emerging Fire Summary:

Great Basin Priority Summary Based on the Most Recent 209's																					
Date 8/19/2015 20:38																					
Priority	State	Unit	Incident	Suppression Strategy	Description Location	Size	24 hr Change	% Contained	Expected Contain Date	Complexity / IC	Crews Assigned		Helicopters Assigned			Critical Needs Crew Assistance			Threats	Matrix Value	
											T-1	T-2	T-3	T-1	T-2	T-3	T-1	T-2	T-3		
1	ID	PAF	Tepee Springs	60% Confine 40% Full	20 miles south of Riggins, ID	6,610	+639	0%	10/15	Type 2 Demasters	6	6		1	1		6 IHC, 3 T2IA, 16 T3H Engines			Elk Creek Community 250 Residences	
2	ID	BOF	Cougar	Full	12 miles NE of Cascade, ID	719	+128	30%	NR	Type 2 Rosenthal	4	2	1	1	1		AA			Timber, structures w/in 2.5 miles, Road	
3	ID	SCF	Bobcat	Point	15 miles N of Salmon, ID	315	-185	0%	NR	Type 3 Gerhardson		2					3 T1 IHC's, T1 Helo, T2 Helo, AA w/ATGS, 2 SEATS, 8 Engines, Structure Protection Specialist			383 Residences, 31 MixCom/17	
4	ID	SIS	Rapid	20% Confine 80% Full	12 miles SW of McCall, ID	1,402	+390	2%	9/2	Type 2 Dunford	1	3		2			2 T1 IHC's, 2 T1 Helo, 1 T2 Helo			Road and Trail Closures, Grazing allotments	
4	ID	SIS	West Scriver	Full	10 miles NW of Crouch, ID	576	-31	95%	8/23	Type 2 Dunford	1	7	1	1	1					Comm. Tower, timber sale, community of Crouch	
5	NV	CCD	Cold Spings	Full	50 miles east of Fallon, NV	4,012	NC	60%	8/22	Type 3 Hecht	2	8		1	2					SGH, road and area closures, 1 Outbuilding	
6	ID	PAF	Campbells	Point	10 miles SE of Dixie, ID	1,774	-426	0%	10/10	Type 3 Sawyer							IR flight/IRIN			Pvt. Holdings, Area Closure	
7	ID	BOD	Soda	Full	40 miles SW of Boise, ID	283,686	NC	95%	8/25	Type 3 Budd		1			1					CSGH, Ranch, Residences, trail and area closures	
Notes of Significance																					

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For more detail, see [Great Basin 7-Day Fire Potential Outlook](#)

For additional information go to: [Great Basin Coordination Center Web Site](#)